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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(P402 457 238)

Mr. Thomas F. Miller
Vipont Mines, Ltd.
P. O. Box 267
Oakley, Idaho 83346

Dear Mr. Miller:

RE: Status of Declaration of Exemption Mine Disturbance,
Vipont Mine, ACT/003/005, Box Elder County, Utah

Recently, the Division staff surveyed the mining disturbance at the Vipont Mine which totalled about 6.5 acres (since 1979). This disturbance included the upper pad and middle pad (old mine dumps that are ore for the heap leach), facilities and leach pad area and the road.

During the survey, the Division hydrologist noted surface water concerns that must be remedied immediately. It was observed that the ditch around the heap leach pads is in need of repair. In particular, the south side of the leach pads show evidence that water has overtopped the ditch. Since there is a perennial stream in close proximity to the leach pads, it is felt that the ditch must be maintained. The ditch should either be excavated to a depth that will safely convey the runoff from the leach pads or a protective berm should be installed around the leach pads. The ditch (or protective berm) will be checked by the Division in the near future.

The Division recognizes that the Vipont Mine operates as a Declaration of Exemption. In a year, the extent of the disturbance will be surveyed to verify if the two acre exemption is still effective.

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If you have any question, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

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